



SOISSONS IS LOST; RHEIMS MENACED

Allied Forces Retire in Face of Huge Hordes.

HARD FIGHTING IN PROGRESS

Streets of French City Are Scenes of Bloody Struggles as Germans Push Ahead.

RESERVES YET TO APPEAR

General Foch Rushes Men to Stem Teuton, but Difficulties Are Encountered.

PARIS, May 29.—After desperate resistance and fighting in the streets lasting several hours the French have evacuated Soissons, which the Germans occupied, according to the official announcement from the War Office tonight.

Franco-British troops, the statement adds, have fallen back to the heights south and southeast of St. Thierry, where they are holding positions between the Vesle and the Aisne Canal.

Fighting is fierce. In the center, continues the War Office announcement, fighting is going on with varying success on the heights on the southern bank of the Vesle River, where the French troops are bravely and admirably defending their positions.

In the vicinity of Fismes, on the south bank of the Vesle River, there was heavy fighting, in which a British cycling battalion distinguished itself before retiring in the face of overwhelming pressure.

The fighting of the first few days, although all one-sided, has been indecisive, as the entente allies reserves still have to play their role. The task of the allied commanders in meeting such a brusque attack was most difficult. Now they are able to act with decision.

Rheims Troops Withdraw. The troops covering Rheims have withdrawn behind the Aisne Canal, northwest of the town.

The battle took on particular violence on the French left wing. In the region of Soissons, after stubborn resistance and fighting in the streets, which held back the enemy for several hours, French troops evacuated the town, the western outskirts of which they occupy.

Southeast of Soissons the battle extended to the plateau marked by Belleu, Septmonts, Abrief and Charrier.

In the center, under the pressure of the enemy, the Franco-British troops gave ground in the region of Loupeigne, north of Fere-en-Tardenois. The Franco-British troops further east maintained their positions on the line of Brouillet, Savigny and Tilloy.

(By the Associated Press.)

In their violent attacks on the 30-mile battlefield, running from Soissons eastward to the region northwest of Rheims, the German armies continue to force back the French and British on nearly every sector.

The fortified town of Soissons, the extreme left flank of the allied battleline, has been occupied by the enemy, although the French are still holding tenaciously to its western environs, through which emerge the railway lines leading to Paris and Compeigne.

Prisoners Number 25,000.

According to the German official communication 25,000 prisoners, among them a French and British General, have been taken and numerous additional towns and vantage points all along the front have been captured.

Seemingly Rheims, like Soissons, also is doomed to fall into the hands of the enemy, as the French War Office reports that the troops covering the famous cathedral town have been withdrawn behind the Aisne Canal to the northwest.

On the sector directly southeast of Soissons the Germans now are fighting approximately 12 miles from where they started their drive Monday from Vauxaillon, while further east, near Loupeigne and in the center.

TROPHIES PROVIDED FOR WAR TOILERS

FLAGS, SERVICE BADGES, MEDALS WILL BE AWARDED.

Recognition to Be Given Creditable Feats in Shipyards and Allied Industries.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—A plan for awarding flags, service badges and distinguished-conduct medals to workmen in shipyards and allied industries—the first public recognition ever given by the Government to war workers back of the fighting lines—was announced tonight by the Shipping Board.

Charles M. Schwab, director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, originated the system of rewards, to give shipbuilders visible evidence that they are helping as much in winning the war as the men who carry guns.

Flags will be given each month to the shipyards making the best records, all factors considered. Gold and silver medals will be awarded for unusual and distinguished service in connection with the production of ships. They may be won, not only by shipyard employes, but by employes of manufacturers of all materials and equipment entering into the ships.

Rear-Admiral Frank F. Fletcher has been named to head a board which will decide on the awards of flags and medals. Serving with him will be F. W. Wood, former vice-president of the Maryland Shipbuilding Company, one of the Bethlehem subsidiaries, and a representative of labor yet to be chosen.

Service badges will be awarded by a war badge board, consisting of Hugh Frazer, representative of labor on the War Industries Board; Major F. W. Tully, of the War Department; L. Howland, of the Shipping Board; Roger W. Babson, of the Department of Labor; Livingston Davis, of the Navy Department, and Carl Byoir, of the committee on public information.

ENGINEERS NEED OFFICERS

Graduates of O. A. C. Urged to Attend Training Camp.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 29.—(Special.)—Urgent calls are being received by President Kerr, of the college, from the War Department for Oregon Agricultural College engineering graduates for the engineer officers' training camp at Camp Lee, Va.

Within the past 24 hours Dr. Kerr has received three telegrams from the chief engineer of the War Department asking for recommendations of men who have graduated from the engineering course and who would qualify as officer material. The men selected would be sent immediately to Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C., and from there to the engineer officers' training camp. The call is limited to men within draft age.

There are many O. A. C. engineering graduates in various parts of the state who may be interested in this opportunity, said Dr. Kerr, "and the only way to bring the matter to their attention is through the press. We must wire the names to Washington June 4. Interested parties should telegraph me not later than June 2. We have just recently sent several men to the engineer officers' training camp in Virginia, but the Government calls for more."

20 ZONES ESTABLISHED

Cities Named as Centers of Manufacture of War Materials.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Centers for 20 industrial zones established by the War Industries Board for manufacture of war materials were selected today. The centers are Boston, Bridgeport, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Atlanta, Birmingham, St. Louis, Rochester, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Kansas City, Seattle, San Francisco and Dallas.

Under an executive order announced tonight President Wilson formally created the War Industries Board as a separate administrative agency to act for him and under his direction, with all the duties and powers informally conferred by the President last March in a letter to Bernard Baruch, chairman of the board.

ALLIED HOSPITALS BOMBED

Hun Air Fleets Attack American and French Wounded.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—German airmen last night deliberately dropped bombs on hospitals in which there were scores of American and hundreds of French sick and wounded. The hospital is in a town many miles in the rear of the front.

A number of Americans were slightly injured by flying glass. One French nurse was killed and another injured, probably fatally. Several civilians died of wounds.

120,000 SICK IN MADRID

Spanish Populace Blames Germans for Terrible Epidemic.

MADRID, May 29.—The grip-like epidemic continues to spread. There are 120,000 victims in Madrid.

HUNS DASH VAINLY AGAINST CANTIGNY

Americans Beat Off 3 Counter-Attacks.

LUNEVILLE SECTOR GASSED

Germans Try to Penetrate U. S. Lines, but Are Repulsed.

FIGHTING IS HAND TO HAND

Yankies Are Enraged at Teutons, Who Send Over Gas, and So Enemy Enters Trenches, Doughboys Use Knives on Them.

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES ON THE FRENCH FRONT, May 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three counter-attacks made last night and today by the Germans to retake the terrain which they had lost in Picardy on Monday completely broke down in the face of the American artillery fire and the heroism of our infantrymen. All the ground won by the Americans on Monday remains in their possession.

The enemy counter-attacks on the new American positions were met by the allied gunners with a hurricane of fire. Waves of German infantrymen were stopped dead and thrown back, leaving large numbers of killed or wounded on the ground.

Bombardment Preceded Thrust. The Germans delivered their first counter thrust late yesterday in an effort to regain the defenses which had been wrested from them in the morning along a two-kilometer front. The enemy drive was preceded by a heavy bombardment, which began at 8 o'clock in the afternoon. After 30 minutes of artillery preparation the Germans advanced, but were caught in an intense fire from the American guns and were apparently forced to retire without having come into close contact with the American infantry.

Since then the enemy has made additional attempts to drive the Americans from the village, but without avail.

Gas Attack Heavy. The enemy launched another heavy gas attack against our troops in the Luneville sector early this morning, and attempted to reach our line in three places. They were repulsed with comparatively heavy losses.

The first attack, made two kilometers southwest of Premenil, broke down under the fierce machine gun fire from the American trenches, the Germans retreating. Both the Americans and Germans fought in gas masks.

Soon afterward the enemy put down a heavy barrage a kilometer to the west and 14 Germans managed to penetrate a trench in which the Americans on Monday were subjected to a gas attack and who were fighting mad.

Germans Are Well Mauled. The Americans emerged from their dugouts and hand-to-hand fighting.

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PATRIOTIC SERVICE OPENS TO 200,000

MEN WHO HAVE MINOR PHYSICAL DEFECTS GET CHANCE.

Employment Will Be Offered in Production and Handling of Army Equipment.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Two hundred thousand men of draft age, who, because of minor defects, have been held by examining surgeons over the country for limited service, are to be employed in producing or handling equipment for the Army.

Provost Marshal-General Crowder announced tonight that the Army staff corps will utilize the services of these registrants and thus release fighting men for the front line.

General Crowder today issued the first call under the new plan. Orders went to Governors of states for upward of 9000 men for service in spruce production for airplanes. The men will be allowed to volunteer until next June 5. After that date a report will be made to the Provost Marshal-General, and if there are not sufficient volunteers, allotments will be made to the various states to be filled by involuntary inductment.

Some 10,000 men of the Army are now engaged in getting out spruce timber in the Northwest, and the Signal Corps constantly is increasing this number. Consequently the sending of the new men to this field will constitute no new policy and it is understood that it has no relation to complaints that Industrial Workers of the World there have retarded the output of spruce.

Some 24 trades or classes, including railroad, transport and construction men, office workers and laborers, are desired for the spruce division. "When this division has been filled, men will be called to fill other staff services of the Army until the 200,000 total has been exhausted.

NEW DRAFT RULE ISSUED

Those Away From Home May Register With Local Boards.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Provost Marshal-General Crowder today notified draft subjects away from home that they must register with the local board in whose jurisdiction they are sufficiently in advance of June 5 to enable the boards to send their certificates to their home boards.

Registration is completed at the office of the home boards.

SIR GILBERT PARKER QUILTS

Author Resigns Seat in Parliament. Weir to Be Candidate.

LONDON, May 29.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the author, has resigned his seat in Parliament.

It is understood that Sir William Weir, secretary of state for the air forces, will be the government candidate at a by-election in the Gravesend district to fill the vacancy.

APPEAL MADE FOR WOOD

Desire of General to Go to France Brought Up in House.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—A plea that Major-General Leonard Wood be permitted to go to France was made in the House today by Representative McKenzie, of Illinois, Republican.

GRACE LUSK, FOUND GUILTY, RUNS AMUCK

Girl Tries to Throttle Aged Prosecutor.

WILD SCENE CLOSSES TRIAL

Spectators Weep and Jurors Stand Aghast.

SLAYER THEN COLLAPSES

Insanely Defense Proves Futile to Save Schoolmistress Who Killed Wife of Her Affinity, Dr. Roberts, at Waukesha.

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 29.—Grace Lusk was found guilty here tonight of second degree murder for the killing of Mrs. Mary Newman Roberts.

"When the verdict was delivered Miss Lusk attempted to choke D. S. Tullar, acting district attorney, but was overpowered and led screaming from the courtroom.

"It's a Me! It's a lie, against me! He lied!" she screamed, as she sprang at the throat of the prosecutor.

Grasping the throat of Mr. Tullar, who is more than 60 years old, she shook him back and forth in his chair at the counsel table until several men dragged her away, when she fainted.

Frenzied Attack Assumed. When she recovered, several minutes later, her aged father and one of her attorneys attempted to lead her from the court room, but she struggled with them, her hair tumbling about her face, as she was dragged away screaming: "That man's son lied! He lied! He lied my life away. Maurice Tullar swore my life away!"

Several hundred spectators, mostly women, stood with tears streaming down their faces during the outbreak. The 12 men on the jury stood in their places with ashen faces as though paralyzed and shrunk away from Miss Lusk as she was led past the jury box.

Statement Secured by Tullar. Maurice Tullar, now in a sanitarium because of ill health, is the District Attorney of Waukesha and at the trial swore that four days after the shooting of Mrs. Roberts, he obtained a statement from Miss Lusk in which she said that she realized why she had shot Mrs. Roberts, but could not understand how she had done it so quietly and deliberately.

D. S. Tullar was appointed special prosecutor at the trial by his son, who was unable to act because of his illness. The elder Tullar took little part in the case, leaving its active direction to Walter D. Corrigan, of Milwaukee, who had been appointed prosecutor.

Long Imprisonment Penalty. The verdict carries imprisonment from 14 to 25 years.

Miss Lusk's condition became such on returning to the jail that it required nearly half an hour to return her to the courthouse when the jury reached a verdict.

The jury deliberated four hours.

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GERMAN WOMEN TO REGISTER IN JUNE

U. S. ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES TIME FOR FILING NAMES.

Procedure Will Be Similar to That Followed in Enrolling Teuton Alien Men.

Every German alien woman, 14 years of age or older, must register between June 17 and 26, both dates inclusive. Instructions fixing the time for the registration and the conditions under which it shall be made were received at the United States attorney's office yesterday. Austro-Hungarian women are not included in the order and will not be required to register.

The registration will be conducted on the same general plan as that followed when German alien men were compelled to register in Portland and other cities of the state having a population of 5000 or more the registration will take place at the office of the Chief of Police. In less populous communities these women must register with the postmaster.

"In connection with the registration of these women," said Assistant United States Attorney Rankin yesterday, "their fingerprints will be taken. This circumstance must not be taken as a suspicion that they are in any sense criminals. Instead, it is required solely as a means of identification, a system well established and recognized in the United States. If she is married to a German alien she takes his status as to citizenship, becomes a German alien enemy and must register."

"Failure on the part of any German alien woman to register within the time prescribed will subject her to arrest, temporary detention or permanent internment during the war. All women ordered detained for non-registration will be confined in the Multnomah County Jail for the period of their incarceration."

ORGANIZER NEARLY HANGED

Non-Partisan Leaguer Escapes With Life on Promise to Enlist.

CLARKES, Neb., May 29.—B. A. Felver, organizer for the Non-Partisan League, was nearly hanged here yesterday by a mob, but saved himself by giving up his list of members, all his literature, and promising to give his automobile to the Red Cross and to enlist in the Army.

Felver has been working in this county for 10 days and has secured about 400 members. He is being watched by a delegation of his captors.

NAVY DOCTOR IS INDICTED

More Than 1 1/2 Tons of Sugar Hoarded in Home Is Charged.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Francis S. Nash, a medical director of the Navy, and his wife were indicted by a grand jury here today on a charge of hoarding foodstuffs.

Investigators found among other foodstuffs more than a ton and a half of sugar stored in the Nash home.

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Honors to Heroes of Past Wars Mingle With Invocations for Those Who Are Fighting in World Battle for Liberty, Justice.

GENERAL PROGRAMME FOR MEMORIAL OBSERVANCE TODAY.

8:30 A. M.—Details from G. A. R. posts, Spanish War Veterans, Sons of Veterans and various auxiliaries will leave for various cemeteries to decorate graves.

9 A. M.—Details from all posts and camps, assisted by auxiliaries and pupils of Sunnyvale, Buckman and Hawthorne schools, to decorate graves in Lone Fir and St. Mary's cemeteries. Pupils of other schools and details from other posts assigned to various cemeteries.

2 P. M.—Comrades will assemble at Courthouse for parade to Auditorium at 2:30, where memorial service will be held.

Lone Fir Cemetery, 10:30 A. M.—Memorial service following decoration of graves.

Memorial for Sailors and Marines, 10:30 A. M.—Procession from Courthouse at 9:30 to Stark-street dock, where services will be held on ferryboat.

Montavilla, 9:30 A. M.—Services at I. O. O. F. Hall, East Eightieth and Gilsan streets, followed by procession to cemetery.

Sellwood, 9:15 A. M.—Procession leaves Sellwood for Milwaukee Cemetery. Noon—Dinner served at hall, 2 P. M.—Services at Wall's Hall, Thirteenth and Lexington avenue.

Lents, 7:30 A. M.—Committee carries flowers to Mount Scott and Multnomah cemeteries, 10 A. M.—Memorial services in I. O. O. F. Hall.

St. Johns, 8 A. M.—Veterans and school children visit cemetery, 10:30 A. M.—March to memorial monument near Jersey street, where services will be held.

Ever sacred to the heart of America, this year does Memorial day assume deeper significance—when the land has sent forth its young men for a renewed struggle to maintain the principles of liberty, as it sent them forth in the stirring days of '61.

In Portland today reverence to the memory of the heroes of the Civil War will blend with the consciousness of the debt the city owes to its boys overseas, some few of whom already have made the supreme sacrifice.

From morning till late afternoon, in every section of the city, the towers of Oregon will be placed upon the graves of those who have answered the last bugle, while scores of memorial services will lift prayer and song in their honor.

Veterans of the Civil War and veterans of the Spanish War, with children from all Portland schools, will vie in loving tribute to the glorious dead. There are no creeds on such a day. The single thought of the city is to brighten the flames of loyal remembrance, and in many churches, of all denominations, the ministry will give the message of the day from their pulpits.

Though the decoration of graves will be held mainly in the forenoon, it is this afternoon that the central event of the day occurs, when the parade line of veterans and various organizations will form at 2 o'clock, at the Courthouse, marching to the Auditorium at 2:30, where all Portland will join in memorial services.

Details of Parade Given. The details of the parade formation will be under the direction of the marshal of the day and aides, preceded by a platoon of police. The military escort will form on Main street, with right of line at Fourth street. Parade formation will be as follows:

1. Police platoon, Chief Johnson, on Main street, south side of Courthouse; Elias' band, E. Chaffin, director.
2. Spruce Division, Colonel Diegel, Main street, right resting on Fourth street.
3. Oregon Military Police, Colonel Diehl, Third street, right resting on Main street, north side.
4. Band.
5. Multnomah Guard, Colonel Hibbard, Fourth street, right resting on Main street.
6. G. A. R., Fourth street, front of Courthouse, right resting on Main street.
7. Spanish-American War Veterans, Colonel Diehl, Salomon street, right resting on Fourth street.
8. Sons of Veterans, Colonel Schnabel, Salomon street, right resting on Fifth street.
9. Boy Scouts, Colonel Brockway, Fifth street, right resting on Salomon street.
10. The Junior Honor Guards will form on Main street.

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ALL HONORS TO THE NATION'S SOLDIER DEAD!

